# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:316
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006
PRIVATISATION OF BASIC FACILITIES
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Railways have taken any decision to privatise the basic facilities/amenities being provided to the passengers in trains and at stations;

(b) If so, the details of the basic facilities which are being assigned to the private sector alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) The extent to which the Railway passengers are expected to be benefited therefrom?

## Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 316 BY SHRI HANSRAJ G.AHIR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.08.2006 REGARDING PRIVATISATION OF BASIC FACILITIES.

(a)&(b) There is no decision for large scale privatization of basic facilities /amenities provided at stations and in trains. However there are certain activities which Railways are now getting done through private organisations who are better placed to execute such works. Identification of such areas is an ongoing process. Important areas in which Railways have started entrusting provision of services to private organizations are catering at stations and on trains, architectural improvements to stations/service buildings, maintenance and operation of pay & use toilets at stations, mechanised cleaning of trains at s elected locations etc.

(c) With farming out activities of provision of various facilities/amenities to professional organizations in the respective field, Railways hope to enhance the quality standards of these services. Incidentally these services do not fall in the core competency of Railways. Such enhanced quality standards of services will be for the benefit of Railway passengers.